

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 597

March 4, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Directs the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to establish a committee on internet privacy. Requires the committee to develop an "Internet Bill of Rights" explaining a university's ownership of all data used on university-approved, web-based applications, data storage on course management websites, and containing other information the committee finds appropriate. THEC shall encourage each public and private higher education institution to distribute the Internet Bill of Rights to each new student and make it available on its website.

Specifies that the committee shall have seven members appointed by THEC. Two members shall be faculty members at institutions of higher education; two shall be administrators of institutions of higher education, one of whom shall be from a private institution; two students enrolled at a college or university in Tennessee, one of whom shall be from a private institution; and one representative from an online course management company. The committee shall convene no later than July 1, 2012, and complete its work before July 1, 2013. Requires a copy of this resolution to be transmitted to the Executive Director of THEC.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures \$3,000**

Assumptions:

- THEC estimates that five meetings will be necessary.
- The Department of Finance and Administration reimbursement rates authorize a per diem rate of \$49.50 per day for meals and incidentals.
- The increase in per diem expenditures for six members will be \$297 (6 members x \$49.50).
- There will be a standard mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.47 per mile. THEC estimates the average round trip to be 100 miles. The increase in state expenditures for mileage reimbursement will be \$1,410 (\$0.47 miles x 100 miles x 6 members x 5 meetings).
- The increase in state expenditures for per diem and mileage reimbursement will be \$1,707 (\$297 + \$1,410).
- Based on information from THEC, the seventh member will be hired as a consultant from an online course management company. The cost of one consultant is estimated by THEC to be \$250 per meeting resulting in an increase in state expenditures of \$1,250 (\$250 x 5).

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- The total increase in state expenditures will be \$2,957 (\$1,707 + \$1,250)

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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